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Bethesda, 14, Md. 6 A, g 47

Subject: Shipment via GBL WW 9849312

To:

Office of the General Counsel

Att: Mr Houston

- .1. Subject shipment was delivered to this activity, by Pacific and and Atlantic Carriers Assn, short one case, which had been lost from their truck.
- .2. Subject shortage has now been delivered to us, and we have no claim against the carrier. However certain facts have been made known to us which we believe should be of interestto your office.
- .3. The short case was lost from the truck on Hiway # 1 near the Calvert Plant, Loss was discovered by driver who turned around and returned to the scene. The case was gone. After much time elapsed and the carrier had advertised, and canvassed the area, they offered \$50.00 reward, whereupon they were approached by stating that the case was in the possession of RR about 3 miles from Laurel, who had attempted to sell the case to him.

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Since the case contained teletype parts, and was plainly labeled as from Decatur Signal Depot for Signal Property Officer, Bethesda; there could have been no doubt of the being aware that he had government property in his possession, and no reason for his retaining same.

He first asked the trucking line \$100.00 but compromised for \$90.00, which they paid in order to obtain the property for delivery to us, as was done.

.4. Since this party has accepted money for government property, and since the driver of the truck had to make it good, it seems to the writer that he should be amenable to process of law, and should certainly not be allowed to retain the money thus paid.

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Capt. Sig. C. Signal Property Officer

1 Incl. Hand bill.